

March 29, 1960

Mr. Alfred D. Hock
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hock:

In the Numismatist, this month, I noticed that you have issued a Miller-Ryder reprint with new information carefully annotated and with photographic plates.

Would you be kind enough to send me a copy, on approval, so that I may have the opportunity of purchasing it for my library.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Early American Coins and Tokens

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Massachusetts

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March 31, 1960

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of the 29th.

George Fuld and myself have reproduced 10 copies of the Miller-Ryder from his copy. The photographic plates are the same as in the original and the notes are a composite of the new information developed by yourself and other leading authorities and collectors. These annotations were copied from Bob Vlack's book. We are selling them at cost, \$5.00.

I was under the impression that you were fully aware of this small undertaking and that ultimately you are planning on editing a new and complete reference book on Connecticut cents.

Please let me know if you would still like to see a copy.

I ~~recently~~ recently picked up a 14-c F, Miller 342-2² G, and a Miller '88 31-B¹ XF. Would you happen to know how many of each of these varieties are known? They are part of my very small collection.

Very truly yours,

Al Hoch

Al Hoch

April 4, 1960

Mr. Al Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I would like to see your Miller-Ryder book and if you would mail it to me by book-post, I will be glad to return it. I am interested in the form of the annotations.

I was aware that George wanted to do something of this sort and did not know that you were participating in his activity.

As far as the number known of any particular Connecticut variety, this is a most elusive matter.

Your 1788 piece is a nice one, regardless, and is probably over a Nova.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC F. NEWMAN

EFN/atb

June 6, 1960

Mr. Al Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I wish to thank you, very much, for lending me the Miller-Ryder book which you had reproduced. I very carefully compared it with my notes and have made a number of additions and amendments, in pencil, on your copy, which is being returned to you under separate cover. It is my hope that I will be able to publish this in revised form and add a great deal of other Connecticut material to it but this research project needs the cooperation of others as to pictures and for the present I am not getting that cooperation.

I have a number of other research projects pending and therefore am not going to push the Connecticut matter for the present.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

57 WALSH ST.
FRAMINGHAM, MASS
JUNE 13, 1960

ERIC P. NEWMAN
EDISON BROTHERS STORES, INC.
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of June 6. I have not yet received the Miller-Ryder book but I am grateful for the corrections in advance, especially since they are unobtainable elsewhere and because of very much like the state coinage. With your permission I will correct the 3 remaining copies we have.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing 3 photos of coins in my collection. As my darkroom is not yet set-up these are printed commercially and are not of the best quality. The N.J. 7½ I believe might be struck over a Machin's and I hope is one of the finest known. It seems quite superior to the plate coin I have as a reference. The Conn. is as you surmised in a former letter, over a Nova. The Vermont is a photo of #37 which I have had the pleasure of discovering and owning.

I am in the process of ~~now~~ writing an article for the "Numismatist" about it but as yet I have not been able to complete it

in a satisfactory way. The difficult part about it has been to say enough, accurately; without passing myself off as an expert. Then again, I have been asking myself, how many people would care about this. I'm sure there have been many new die discovered and not subsequently written up.

I have 3 diff. types of Machin's miller cents which I would have sent to you long ago but they seem to be of a very common type or I have duplicates of them all.

I look forward to your future undertaking, that is to the completion, of a new reference work on Comm. cents. I would be happy to assist in a trivial way ~~to~~ by giving you photographs of any Comm. cents I obtain that are either in superb condition or quite rare or by an ~~critique~~ you would require.

Very truly yours

Alfred D. Hall

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.
July 7, 1960

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed find the 71-y and another MACHINS I
acquired. I have succeeded in finding the MACHINS
obverse in Bob Vlack's collection although
his reverse is an INDE?ET?LIB? and the
reverse on the 71-y seems to be over a
BRITANNIA,

Please keep the coin as long as you
wish but please send it back registered
mail. \$1.00 is enclosed for this purpose.

I am running an ad in an attempt to acquire
some more MACHIN'S MILLS & coins. I will send
you whatever new material I get although
I don't expect it to be very spectacular.

I would be grateful to know if you
consider the 71-y to be a MACHINS
Product. Will the V.H. Com. & N.I. coin
struck at M.M. be included in your
forthcoming work?

Very truly yours

Alfred D. Hoch

June 17, 1960

Mr. A. D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

Your very nice letter of June 13, 1960 interests me very much. I certainly congratulate you on the discovery of the new Vermont piece. If you are writing an article on it and other Vermont items I will be glad to give you any information I have on that subject and I presume you are familiar with the article I wrote in the 1958 A.W.S. Centennial Issue. I would like to have a gloss print of the Vermont piece as soon as you take a picture of it and, if possible, if you could make one the exact size of the coin.

I would appreciate very much if you would forward to me, for examination, all of your Machin's Mills pieces, including the duplicates. This is the only way I can do my research - to see as many as possible.

I would also like to see your New Jersey piece struck over the Machin's Mills piece so as to identify the die variety of the under-poin positively.

I very much appreciate your willingness to assist in any way you can if the Connecticut project gets rolling. Right now I am spread out too thin, researching three or four things at the same time, with none near completion for the moment. In any event, I will return the coins which you send me very promptly.

Kindest regards, and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

July 5, 1960

Mr. A. D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I have been working all weekend on Machin's Mills coinage and I believe I must write this matter up first. (It is about time as I have worked on it for 12 years).

I am returning your eight pieces herewith and am pleased to tell you that you have four different Machin pieces instead of only three, if you count the beaten up piece.

Would you now be nice enough to send me the New Jersey over Machins, the photo of which you sent.

Thanks for your kindness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC F. NEWMAN

EFN/atb

July 13, 1960

Mr. A. D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

In connection with your letter of July 7, 1960, I certainly wish you luck in acquiring more Machins Mills pieces. By all means obtain any imitation English halfpence as there are other American sources than Machins Mills. I will, naturally, be glad to look them over.

Your New Jersey 71-y is not a Machins Mills product, in my opinion, as the New Jersey coins circulated for a higher monetary value than the Machins Mills pieces in 1789 and therefore it was very easy to overstrike for profit.

In view of your interest in this field I am wondering whether you have the time or the inclination to go to Boston Public Library, or the Library at Harvard, or the Massachusetts Historical Society, or the American Antiquarian Society, and look through some of the Boston newspapers for articles concerning English copper halfpence in the 1784-86 period. If you do I will give you some leads as to what to look for as your beloved Massachusetts was the source of imitation coppers before Machins Mills even got started. I think you will get a tremendous charge out of finding unknown material and I shall be more than glad to give you full recognition in the book I am writing on the subject.

Your coins will be returned in due course.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Massachusetts
July 28, 1960

Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am delighted to know that counterfeits exist made in the states other than Machins Mills pieces, and I shall more diligently examine junk boxes for them. I hope to acquire a small collection of Blacksmith tokens soon which I would be happy to let you examine if you are interested.

Although my free time is somewhat limited, I would very much like to be of assistance in gathering data for you on counterfeits. As Worcester is fairly close and easily gotten to, I would prefer to start there. I will start with Boston newspapers in the period you mentioned unless you have further or more specific suggestions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alfred D. Hoch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alfred D. Hoch

July 29, 1960

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I do expect to call on you when I get around to the work on Connecticut coppers and look forward to a decent picture of your new Vermont.

I am returning herewith the 1788 Machins Mills piece and the New Jersey struck over the Machins Mills piece and wish to thank you very much for lending them to me.

You asked whether my work on Machins Mills will include the Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey coins and I can assure you that to the extent logic permits, I will. I know of no basis whatever of including the New Jersey coins as Machins Mills was out of business, in my opinion, prior to the time it was worth while to overstamp coppers with the New Jersey insignia.

I am looking forward to your write-up of the Vermont No. 37 and have heard about it from Picker, also.

Let me ask you whether you might be interested in certain further research. The American Antiquarian Society has a superb collection of early American newspapers. I am very anxious to check over certain of these newspapers in the 1784-6 period with respect to articles on coinage. I have checked all I can on microfilm. Would you be interested in looking for interesting articles? Some of these newspapers are also available in the Boston Public Library and others at the Massachusetts Historical Society. I think you would get a tremendous kick out of the discovery of new comments on coinage because this is Virgin territory to a great extent.

Cordially yours,

CERTIFIED MAIL

ERW/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

August 1, 1960

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I am delighted that you are willing to do some work on the newspapers available in your area in relation to copper coinage and counterfeiting of copper coinage. You will find the work very rewarding. You could begin January 1, 1784 and you must stop September 1, 1789.

I have a great many articles already from various papers in New England indicating the counterfeiting and I am enclosing a few of them so that you can see what there is. It is particularly important that you find the counterfeiting which took place at Rehoboth in the 1784-86 period.

I suggest that you start with the Massachusetts Spy, later known as the Worcester Magazine, the complete file of which is in the American Antiquarian Society. Then you might do the Massachusetts Centinel. In order to save time take only the datelines from New England cities, eliminating New York, Philadelphia, etc., unless you want to check them, but the part of the story which is unknown is the New England counterfeiting and this would not come out of news from other than New England. Please look for items involving the Connecticut coppers and Vermont coppers, or the Nova Constellatio, the Fugios, or English coppers, etc.

For years I have been digging on this subject in preparation for my book and I do want it understood that the information which I am turning over to you is not to be published otherwise. I certainly will give you full credit for the items which you find.

You have no idea how exciting it is to find something new to piece together this mystery even though scanning the many articles will be very, very tedious.

Believe it or not, I just found a reference to the Continental pewter dollars published in a newspaper in 1786 in the Massachusetts Centinel.

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Mr. Alfred D. Hoch

August 1, 1960

As to collecting Massachusetts counterfeit coppers, this is extremely elusive as I suspect they are cast copies of both genuine and counterfeit coins made in England. I do not think they prepared separate dies. I cannot understand how they cast the coins, yet the news articles so indicate.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

E/PN/atb

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.
August 30, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2 Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have spent some time at the American Antiquarian Society but I am not convinced that I have found anything useful to you. I had hoped to find something nice on State coins or their counterfeiting. I am not giving up and will pursue this farther at the soonest possible time, although as I mentioned before my time is limited due to the fact I am employed 6 days a week.

Being especially interested in State coins, I have begun the long task of forming a set of photographs of the Conn. cents for reference purposes. I do not intend to publish this of course.

I have searched the Massachusetts Spy from Jan 1, 1784 to Sept. 1, 1789, with the exception of all of 1787 which I could not immediately obtain. I will finish this off next time and also the Centinel.

Enclosed please find the information I have found.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alfred D. Hoch". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Alfred D. Hoch

September 16, 1960

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

This is just a letter to cheer you up. I know how much time you have spent hoping to find something really exciting on state coinage or counterfeit coppers. I am sure you will have better luck in The Massachusetts Centinel than in The Spy. It is very nice for you to send me this data so promptly and I have distributed it into proper files.

I have been running into a lot of blind leads lately but the hope of finding something worthwhile keeps me rolling.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 16, 1960

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr.Hoch:

I am delighted that you are forming a set of photographs of Connecticut cents. Your intention not to publish these varieties should not be too positive. Norman Bryant has a great many photographs of Connecticut coppers. I also have a number of photographs. The A.N.S. has a beautiful collection of Connecticut coppers and theirs can be readily photographed. I have a few other friends who likewise will turn up some. Nothing would please me more than to have these published along with the Miller revision and along with a large amount of new information which I have obtained on Connecticut coppers. I only wish we could all work together and that the A.N.S. would publish the entire project - which I believe they will.

Yale University has a rather excellent collection, Mrs.Norweb has an excellent collection and the Fred Boyd Estate has a very large group. Getting these photographs together is a real challenge and I wish you a lot of luck with it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.
November 3, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am happy that you are considering the publication of information on new varieties of Virginia pieces in the newsletter and as I do not yet have enough material to fill the forthcoming second issue, I hope your article can be used here. It would be nice to use photos and if you could give me an idea of how many there will be and what diameter, I can tentatively plan the layout. The final composite photo will have the individual coins very close to the size of the original photos supplied. To save costs I have purchased an 8 x 10 contact printer and have printed the photos myself. The paper is a Kodak AD-TYPE which is designed to fold without cracking or separating with use.

About 28 copies of the newsletter were sent out and all of the comments received so far have been very encouraging. The main problem, aside from financing, will probably be obtaining written contributions and I suppose success will depend primarily on this.

Ted Craige may do the XX Fugio reverse which has not been published yet, and I assume he will have his coin photographed and ask your blessing.

For some future issue, in part, I have an idea that it might be worthwhile to describe and picture the few N.J. Cents that have been discovered since Maris but not pictured anywhere. My plates are not from Maris and I need some help in selecting the varieties that would be good candidates as well as an opinion on the advisability of doing it. May I please have your ideas?

Mr. Picker has been especially cooperative.

My one disappointment is that we will be unable to mention the new Vermont #38 discovery.

Very truly yours,

Alfred D. Hoch

Alfred D. Hoch

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November 21, 1960

Mr. A.D.Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

Thank you for your notes on the Connecticut Journal which you sent to me. I have read virtually all of the Connecticut papers for this period and thus am familiar with these items. What I had hoped was that the Massachusetts papers would have something in 1784 concerning the Bungtowns or the counterfeit coppers.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERN/etb

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Massachusetts
January 9, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Store
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

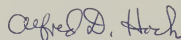
Dear Mr. Newman:

I am fairly certain I have a new Fugio reverse die combined with obverse 17. The reverse seems similar to reverse I, but the plates are not too clear. May I send the coin to you for authentication?

I have acquired a number of Machins Mills pieces which you have not seen. I would be happy to send these for your inspection.

The second issue of the Colonial Newsletter will be mailed this week.

Very truly yours,


Alfred D. Hoch

January 10, 1961

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

Thank you for your note of January 9 with respect to the new Fugio reverse. I certainly hope yours is a new one and presume you already are familiar with the new ones published in the Ruddy-Bowers pamphlet. Since that time a new reverse KK has been discovered and I am enclosing its picture. In any event I will be glad to look over your piece.

Naturally, I would be delighted to look over the Machins Mills pieces which you have located and I hope you will send them to me.

I am looking forward to the News Letter, as always.

Best regards for the New Year.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass
January 12, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edwin Brothers Store, Inc.,
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed find the Jugio with the possible new reverse. I did consult the additions noted by Bowers before writing you and a quick check of the new reverses showed them to have STATES * UNITED on the opposite sides of the band as on reverse I, which is similar to mine.

Thank you for the KK photo.
The machines are also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Alfred D. Hark

17 Eva Path
Commack, New York
January 30, 1961

Dear Eric;

Thanks for your letter of January 25 and the offering of the missouri note. I am sorry to say that I cannot use this particular nice note in trade for the St. Louis Bank of U.S. Counterfeit. I realize you may be getting very tired of offering me things but I am confident that we can ultimately get together on it:

I will trade, very likely, the Bank of US note for any of the following.

1. 2 tokens cataloging 7.50 in Atwoods latest catalog
2. 3 tokens cataloging 5.00 each in Atwood's catalog.
3. 1 reasonably nice American Made Imitation halfpence not on Vlack's plate
4. Almost any token which has Ter., T. or Territory on it with the exception of Indian Territory. ~~and xix~~ This includeds beer checks and what not.
5. 3 interesting Sutler tokens not of very common types
6. Any 3 Embossed Shell Cards

Your Alabama Territory item and your St. Louis Post Office scrip sound fantastic, but I have already made a comittment to a dealer on the note on ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a consignment basis. My price is so high, however, that it is likely I will ultimately get it back and then, if you still have any interest, we can try to trade again. I hope this action does not cause any hard feelings.

I have checked the border design and the position of the Plate letters with the photos that I have in regard to the possibility that denominations ~~XXXX~~ were changed and new notes were printed and cannot find any evidence of similarly at all and conclude that this was not done. If xerox prints of all the notes I have would help, I would be happy to make them for you.

Sincerely,



57 Walsh St.
Framingham, Mass
Jan 30, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo,

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have just acquired a ~~new~~ number of 1860 III
halfpence both genuine and counterfeit. I can
find only 3 Machines in the mass but
perhaps you might wish to examine the
lot for your purposes. If so, I would
be happy to send it to you. The condition
of the pieces is not good.

Did you receive the Fugio I sent to you?
I am ~~very~~ quite anxious to know if my
opinion on it was correct or not.

Sincerely,
Arfred D. Horch

February 2, 1961

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hoch:

Delighted to see the new items.

Our letters crossed.

Yours truly,

Eric P. Newman

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

January 31, 1961

Mr. A.D.Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

The reverse of the Fugio you sent me is absolutely new and will be designated as Reverse "J". Is there any chance that you might be willing to trade this item to me for something else, or sell it to me? You might want to write it up in your bulletin and I will send you a picture of it, which I have taken.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

February 7, 1961

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

The Colonial News Letter is bound to be a labor of love on your behalf. You must remain the editor. It certainly could include Colonial currency as well as coins without changing the name.

Perhaps you could establish a subscription rate with a free subscription to anyone who contributed acceptable articles. Photographic plates are necessary.

Please send me the rest of the halfpence and I will return the entire group together.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

March 14, 1961

Mr. Alfred Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

It was a pleasure for me to meet you and your wife and I look forward to many further opportunities to push forward our mutual interest.

To comply with our understanding, I have written ANS, in accordance with the enclosed copy. I have written Picker, in accordance with the enclosed copy.

I am enclosing the negative of the 1796 George Washington and would appreciate it if you would return it after it has served your purpose. I am returning herewith the 1778 Machins Mills piece which I borrowed.

You stated that a fellow by the name of Stillman, in Texas, states that he has the order in which the Fugios were struck. I would like to write him and see if that information can be sent to me for subsequent use. Would you send me his name and address.

With respect to the paper money which you showed me it so happens I do not have the \$10 Exchange Bank of Providence, the 12~~2~~ Jersey City, or the Manufacturers Bank of North Providence. Would you be willing to trade these items for something equivalent or are you deeply or too firmly attached to them.

I meant everything I said when I indicated that I would like for you to submit to me any items which you have the opportunity of purchasing and which you do not wish and I will gladly pay you 10% or send you things for your service. Usually, when things are submitted to me by dealers, the price is made ridiculous and I have to return them.

With my best wishes for a life full of continued accomplishments and pleasure,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Massachusetts
March 24, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your negatives will be returned shortly. Many thanks for their use.

Just received your corrected copy for publication in the Newsletter. A retyped copy is enclosed to make sure it is exactly as you want it. Publication will be delayed for 2½ weeks until I can pay the printer for the last issue. I have also sent George a retyped copy.

I am enclosing the copy sent for publication in the CN on Fugio Cents by Mr. Richard A. Parker, 1144 S. Bronson Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. If possible, I would appreciate advice on the advisability of printing it and, if O.K., any corrections or editing it may require.

I wish to keep the notes I have in my collection but thank you for offering to buy them or trade. I will be happy to submit items to you that I am able to obtain on consignment from time to time.

Mr. James C. Spilman, 1418 Flamingo Lane, Garland, Texas, has not yet clarified what he has done with the Fugio. He wrote me that he has studied many of the dies minutely and can trace the usage of the hubs and in some respects the sequence of strikings. I requested that he submit the results of his research to the CN for publication and I still have high hopes that he will seriously consider doing this.

I do not, if possible, wish to establish a dealer-customer relationship with you. I promised you first (and last) crack at the 17-J and I am now required to sell it. My initial asking price is \$280.

I am still working on the layout of the Connecticut dies for the forthcoming book. The 1787's are real hard with 103 interlocks necessary on one plate alone.

I needn't tell you that it was a great pleasure and privilege to be able to meet you.

Sincerely,

cc Hurl

March 29, 1961

Mr. Alfred Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

With respect to the article on Fugio Cents submitted by Richard A. Parker, I donot believe that this is the type of material you wish to publish. In spite of praising the work done by a few of us, it is highly inaccurate, having copied certain errors introduced by a few of those who are praised. The fundamental fact is that nothing stated is at all new. The article is self-condemning by its statement that it is entirely gathered from research done by others.

As you may know, I am writing a monograph on the subject of the Fugio coinage to try to make clear much of its history.

Thank you, very much, for offering me the 17-J Fugio at \$280.00. It may be worth it but, unfortunately, I would not enjoy it at that price. I base my values on the price at which I would enjoy coins regardless of what others might pay or what they might be worth. Good luck in selling it.

Thank you for the address of Spilman. I am writing him.

I fully appreciate the problem you are having with the 1787 interlocks on Connecticut coinage.

Unfortunately, I heard from Picker that the owner of Ryder 38 will not permit its picture to be published as yet.

I am returning herewith the Washington article, corrected.

My best to your wife and your two cute kids.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

March 30, 1961

Mr. A.D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

I enclose herewith eight negatives belonging to the ANS covering the 1785 Connecticut coinage being Nos. 60 1551 through 1558. Please comply with the following instructions to enable me to get the cooperation from ANS as I have in the past.

Return these directly to me after use, promptly.

Please be very careful of them.

Do not disclose to any others that I am releasing ANS negatives to you or anyone else.

As long as you are making prints, my suggestion is that you make two sets for me.

ANS tells me that these were the only ones they have taken so far and, as you can see, are a special order for you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

57 Walsh Street
Brammingham, Mass
April 11, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 WASHINGTON ST
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

The restrictions you mentioned with regard to the ANS plates will be observed exactly. I hope the prints will be satisfactory.

I now have another Connecticut Cent collection on film in addition to the 1985 ANS ones. This summer I hope to get a few of the better collections done.

Enclosed find prints of the EB(B) counterstamp which I promised you. If you ultimately wish to use this for a publication I will have to get permission from the owner.

Thanks for the advice on Mr. Parker's write-up. I shall return the manuscript to him.

The April issue of the CN has still a few weeks to go as I am waiting for ~~some~~ a photo of the new Conn. cents
12 mm.

I shall keep you informed of my progress, if I may, and I'll be happy to assist you in any small way possible.

Sincerely,

Al Hark

April 20, 1961

Dear Al,

Thanks, so much, for the counter-stamped Jo. It is obviously a fake, as you well know.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

57 Walsh St.
Framingham, Mass.
April 27, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington St.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was a pleasure talking with you yesterday.

Enclosed find my "Numismatist" wanted list and my duplicate list. Enclosed also a "copy" of my new Rhode Island pieces. I hope they are as rare as I think they are and I would be grateful of your comments on them.

Just found a MASS Cent 1788 12-0.

I will try to re-revise the listing of the 175 today. They may already have been printed. This coming issue has a photograph plate, I never dreamed anything could be so expensive. I haven't received Breen's publication yet, but if it is a good as it should be I will probably quite quit the Newsletter, depending on the advice I receive.

Sincerely,

Al Hark

May 1, 1961

Mr. A. D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

Under separate cover I am sending the following Mumismatists:

February, March, April, August, 1920

March, September, October, November, December, 1919

March, 1960

March, October, 1900

I think I can get more for you.

I would like to have from you:

January, 1897

November, December, 1910

November, 1912

If you feel like balancing off you can send me any extra 1913 and 1921.

Please do not be concerned about the Metropolitan publication which Breen is going to edit. Breen does not follow through on projects with others, in many cases, and the expense is going to be substantial. Nobody wants to write for unknown publications, as you well know, and it takes a lot of energy to keep a regular publication. Bowers wrote me about submitting items to publish in it so you see they are searching for material just like anyone else. The important thing for you is whether you have the material and whether it is financially advisable to continue. This must be your decision. The mania for everyone having his own publication is, in my opinion, ridiculous.

Mr. A. D. Hoch

May 1, 1961

The Rhode Island notes which you found are not Bills of Credit or circulating notes but interest bearing Redemption Certificates payable to specific people. They certainly are related to currency by virtue of mentioning that they are issued in redemption of Bills of Credit. This certainly shows why early Rhode Island currency is scarce because they were redeemed. This is a fascinating find of yours.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

5/2/61

Dear Al,

Enclosed is the ANS collection census of Connecticut coins prepared by Barnsley. This will be helpful to you.

Please do not spread it or use it without Barnsley's approval.

Sincerely,



From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

57 Walsh Street
Birmingham, Mass.,
May 11, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Quinn Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thanks for the "Numismatist". I am returning the Feb. and Aug. 1960 as they have some pages missing and I will wait for whole ones to come along. I am also sending along the 4 you specifically mentioned plus some others.

I fully agree with your analysis on this publication business. I think I will reserve my final judgement on ~~some~~ its continuance for a while. I am still convinced of the need for such a thing, in some form, but I will have to make the decision on my willingness to continue to put effort and money into it.

Thank you for your information of my Rhode Island piece. I think I have found a vague reference to it in Phillys.

Picked up a nice 1875 machine EF.

I hope to photograph some of the papers ^{money} at the American Antiquarian Society this summer. ~~may~~ May I use your name for a reference if I require one?

Sincerely,

Al Horch

June 14, 1961

Mr. Al Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

I have been bogged down but wanted to tell you that I received Mrs. Norweb's collection of Connecticut coopers for study and can take pictures of any of those varieties which you do not have pictures of. It is therefore essential for you to urge the ANS to continue with the photographs and you can use this situation as a means of doing so. I am sending you a check list of the collection.

As far as photographing the paper money at the American Antiquarian Society, I am sure you will find them very cooperative and you may certainly mention that you are a good friend of mine. They don't know me so well either so it may do you more harm than good.

The 1804-05 dollar article has sent everyone in a hubbub so I am going to use this as the subject of a talk at the annual convention of the A.N.A. There will be many machine guns loaded.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

June 30, 1961

Mr. A. D. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

Thank you for letting me see the imitation British halfpence which is returned herewith. I have as yet found no way to determine which ones are British and which ones are American. I have several hundred which I continue to study for that purpose. If you want to let me have this one I will send you another one in return as this is a variety I do not happen to have.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

E#N/atb

57 Walsh Street
Farmingham, Mass.
August 14, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Store
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please excuse my long delay in writing but I have really been loaded with a new project at work, my vacation trip, the Colonial Newsletter and our forthcoming move to a little bigger place in Natick.

In July I photographed the Connecticut Cent~~y~~ collections of Ned Barnsley and Phil Kekler. The films turned out fairly good but it will be several months before I get the chance to print them all up. I mentioned to Ned the possibility of us three working on the Connecticut book together per your suggestion but he would not make any direct comment on this. I hope we can make some arrangement on this soon if anything is going to be done, not that I have anything significant to contribute, but I just have an uncontrollable urge to get things done or see them done.

With your permission I will keep the half pence you returned until I can myself be sure it is not of American Manufacture. Just looking over my Machins collection of imitation 1/2 d's and I now have 31 pieces of 9 different die combinations. Just picked up the most tremendous one I have seen, EF, new obverse but same reverse as the Vermont Brittaina 1787.

The past due issue of the CN will be in the mails this Friday. Have gone to photo offset due to costs and I don't know if it will be presentable or not ~~xx~~ but it should be a better job than the MNJ at any rate which is acceptable as far as I can see. This time 16 pages including 5 pages of plates. Offered the editorship to Ned Barnsley and also Phil Keller but they both did not ~~want~~ want it due to various reasons. Labor of Love IS RIGHT...

Heard you ~~were~~ were in Africa and I hope you had good luck. Sorry to have missed your talk on the 1804 half dollar. Sure would have loved to get the final and absolute story on it.

Picker tells me you made a boo boo on the 17-J (I), rather he says I did. Guess I'll ~~xx~~ write a little something in the next CN if you confirm his thoughts.

Sincerely,

cc Horch

57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.
August 20, 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have had the good fortune of obtaining a duplicate counterfeit Geo. III identical to the last one I sent to you which you wanted to have for your collection. It is enclosed and you may have it. Perhaps the fact that another showed up so soon might slightly help the case for its American manufacture. Enclosed also is another half pence of odd workmanship which I just acquired. Please return it at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Alfred D. Hoch

August 30, 1961

Mr. A. B. Hoch
57 Walsh Street
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Al:

I have been slightly involved in matters concerning 1804 dollars lately and one thing is sure and that is that research can get very exciting. I have even been threatened with law suits. In Atlanta, during the convention, it was interesting to see even the dealers in attendance at an educational program.

I am delighted that you photographed Ned's and Mr. Keller's collections of Connecticut. I only wish I knew which ones of the Norweb pieces which I have on hand require photography as I would like to eliminate as much duplication as possible. As far as the Connecticut Book is concerned, Ned is probably trying to be diplomatic and he probably wants to be sure it is satisfactory to me. The important thing is to get the pictures of the missing items and a list of unphotographed varieties should be promptly assembled.

I take the responsibility for the error on the 17-J Fugio. I was the first to admit to a ficker that it was an 17-1 but that was a new combination, in any event. This has solved the fact that there were several clickings in the 1 reverse.

I am returning the imitation halfpence which you let me see and I only wish I had some way of telling if it is American.

Thank you for the imitation halfpence. Just one more mystery to struggle with.

I wish you would give me your scientific thoughts on how these miserable halfpence were made. Is it possible that the dies themselves were cast iron made from coin impressions in sand? This doesn't seem possible because the coins all seem to be different. What would be a cheap way of making dies with poor relief and detail?

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August 30, 1961

Mr. A. L. Koch

I would like to have your description of the nine different
Machins pieces you have to see if there are any I do not know
about. Merely give me the dates and general characteristics
for the moment.

Good luck in your new home.

Sincerely,

ERIC S. NEWMAN

ERN/atb

9/3/61

Dear Mr. Newman:

Just moved and all unsettled.
I will write again shortly. List
of my Machine Mills enclosed.

Sincerely, ce

18 IRVING ROAD
NATICK, MASS.

Betts -5 -18

First broken - 18

~~18~~ ~~18~~

Similar to 16

but's new bust - 18

Betts 14 -18

September 8, 1961

Mr. Al Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

I want to congratulate you on the number of
Machin's Mills pieces which you have assembled.
There is still the following ones which you
should look for:

Combination of Betts 5 and 18;

First I of III broken with Reverse 18;

Obverse similar to 16 but G nearer bust with 18;

Combination of Betts 14 and 18.

A group of imitation halfpence dated 1775 and
earlier have been offered to me through Richard
Picker for \$2.50 each. If you are interested,
please let me know but I feel the price is
completely out of line. I did, however, want
to submit it to you to have your comments.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.
Sept. 10, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman:
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Ave.
St Louis 2. Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

From what I read in Coin World I am happy you put the handwriting on the wall. I wished I could have been there. I was amused by Mr. Werners disinterest in die ~~xxxxxxx~~ varieties which I am sure the court would not share.

I have just obtained a copy of your article in the 1958 ANS Centennial Publication. Not that my opinion is significant, but I found it the most absorbing and delightful work of its kind I have read yet.

~~I have just moved~~; finally got a room to myself; things are still in a mess though.

I will get to printing the Conn. cents I have on film as soon as possible. I took a picture of all the scarce coins plus all the top condition pieces, so the job is a large one. I have been organizing them by mounting them on filing cards and will have about 12 inches deep of ~~them~~ when every thing is printed and in from ANS. I cannot at this time say what ones I am lacking or what ones I have a single photo of which is very poor or worn. I will supply this information as soon as possible. This is not a small task.

I will give some thought to the problem of instant dies. I would not like to guess without a little data or thought. I wonder what happened to all the early dies. One of these days I'm going to take my mine detector to a few old mint sites.

Sincerely,

cel

Alfred D. Hoch

18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.
September 11, 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thanks for letter of Sept. 8. Guess our letter crossed.

I appreciate the list of combinations of Machins which I lack. I actually find these the most exciting thing I collect.

Thanks for tip on Picker's imitation halfpence. I think I will pass as I am only interested in the Machins pieces, the device-interlocked pieces, or punch, and those of exceptionally crude or unusual workmanship. I've been selling my counterfeit English made 1/2 d's to Jerome Goldman at 25 to 50¢ and I am rather blindly assuming these to be abundant in the lot.

Point of information - your letter states "imitation halfpence dated 1775...." I thought to qualify as 'imitation' no genuine could have been coined in that particular year and I've got a note somewhere that genuine were made in 1775.

Could you write a little article for the next issue of the CN?

Sincerely,

ae

September 19, 1961

Mr. Al Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Massachusetts

Dear Al:

Thank you so much for the remarks you made about some of my research. I find research is very exciting, and I do not mean necessarily the furor which seems to have been caused when I spoke in Atlanta. I have been working for 15 years on the Machins project and hope to finish it in due course. You can imagine my excitement when I discovered the 1776 imitation after Breen, Stacks, etc. had passed it up.

Your friend, Jerome Goldman was formerly a St. Louisian and I think I am responsible for getting him so interested in the counterfeit pieces. His family were very close friends of ours years ago.

I used the word imitation very loosely because I consider anything which was made without a violation of the counterfeit law to be an imitation even if dated 1775 when genuine pieces were coined. In other words, if a character in New York, Rhode Island or Pennsylvania, etc. made copper dated 1775 in 1784, these would be imitations and not counterfeits. They could not have been counterfeits if there were no law in those communities against making them.

Please give me a few days to think of something to write for you as I am flooded with projects for the moment.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN:dv

57 Welch Street
Framingham, Mass.
September 21, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Street
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letters of the 16th. Two days ago I sent you the results of my search in the Centinel and I am happy that I found a reference to counterfeiting. I will continue as soon as I get the chance.

The material you sent to me will be kept in the strictest confidence.


I anticipate being able to send you the better photograph that you requested of the Ryder 37 soon.

I have already asked the ANS for photographs of the 1785 Connecticut dies in their collection. Unfortunately their service is not the best (for good reason I am sure) but I hope to use these as the basis and improve from there on. Naturally you shall have all the results obtained.

There is one small problem: If I do succeed in compiling a set of plates of the Connecticut dies I would be under pressure to give sets to my friends. How would this affect their possible use (in part) in your forthcoming work? Or, what would be the consequences of such a preliminary distribution?

I would like to mention that I have initiated the publication of a newsletter specifically for those interested in Early American and State coins. There are 4 contributors in the first issue which should be completed in a few weeks. Perhaps I have bitten off too much but I sincerely believe in the need and utility of such a means of communication. Your evaluation of the newsletter will be appreciated and greatly respected.

Very truly yours,


Alfred D. Hoch

18 IRVING RD,
NATICK, MASS.
Oct 10, 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

Well, I am finally
beginning to get some of
the photo work done and
it's about time I know.

I just couldn't wait
to send you the enclosed
photo of my Machine
(which I wrote about before)
to make absolutely ~~sure~~
sure it is not "new."

Sincerely,
Al Hosh

October 16, 1961

Mr. Al Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I do not blame you for being excited about the photographs you sent me. The item which you photographed is in superb condition, and I have only seen three specimens of it, mine being from the Hall collection.

Your notations indicated that you had four specimens of the 1778 type with three pair of leaves in the headress. My specimen is rather mediocre and I am wondering if your second-best specimen is in nice shape.

Perhaps I could improve one of your specimens.

I have been excited about this field for the last fifteen years and the material for my book has been slowly assembled. It is the most frustrating subject I have ever imagined. In other words, I know positively that in Massachusetts in 1784 there were half-pence made, and I have no way of identifying what they were. I assume they were not dated 1784 and were dated 1775. They, no doubt, are exactly like English counterfeits.

I am glad you are at work on the photos.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/ak

18 IRVING ROAD
NATICK, MASS.
OCT. 18, 1961

DEAR ERIC:

Thank you for your comments
of Oct. 16.

Of the 4 specimens of the
7 LEAVES/BETTS 20 (B13/20)
1 is mutilated and 1 is GOOD.
I am enclosing the other
2 pieces. You may keep
either if it proves to be
an improvement over what you
have.

My specimens of B 5/20
and 1787 ~~DOO~~/DOUBLE DATELINE
are all less than GOOD.

I can imagine how difficult
it will be to attribute ^{the} Mass.
counterfeits. However, I do
not see why they will

resemble the English counterparts.
I do not have any facts,
of course, but to me it
is reasonable that they would
have a distinct and consistent
individual appearance or
style, as the Machine seem
to.

It would be interesting, although
perhaps very difficult, to
tabulate the spectrographic
analyses of the English counterparts
to see if they have some
consistent trace elements and
then compare these findings to
the analysis of a specimen of
questionable origin.

Klock ~~once~~ once told me
his company (AVCO) had
an expensive ~~one~~ machine

which could² quickly and
non-destructively determine
the metalurgy of a sample.
- Just a wild thought.-

Is it permissible to
address you by your first
name?

Well-off to MANA.

Sincerely,

Al Horh

November 2, 1961

Mr. A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

You were very nice to send me the two 1778 pieces which were your best ones. I am keeping one of them as you suggested and am returning the other herewith. You asked for a double line variety and I fortunately have a duplicate and am enclosing the same herewith. This is a very scarce piece in decent condition. I hope you like it.

I hereby challenge you to determine the distinction between American and English counterfeits as I believe the American counterfeits were made from dies cast by using British counterfeits. A metalurgy sample would not be of any benefit.

Hope you had a good time at MANA and I look forward to more Connecticut pictures whenever the spirit moves you.

I have nearly finished the book on the 1804 dollars and it has been exhausting. I will never win a popularity contest by writing it and hope to get back to early American pieces soon.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.
November 29, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your comments of November 2 and please excuse my delay in answering.

I was very happy to get the nice double dateline variety of Machins Mills piece from you. It is a welcome addition to my small collection and will be especially valued since it came from you.


I have located another specimen of the Machins piece I sent an enlargement of to you. It is in the collection of Ted Craige, good condition and holed. Surprising enough, it is the only Geo. III- Britania Machin's piece in his collection.

My suggestion on the use of metalurgical data as a clue to where the metal was mined was only a thought and NOT a statement of proven fact. I still believe that this kind of data MIGHT give some interesting correlations and I am now actively in the process of obtaining some sample tests. I plan to determine if there are any constant and characteristic differences in the metalurgical content of my Geo. III Machins as compared with some of the light weight counterfeit halfpence which I arbitrarily term English-made. I accept your challenge in so far as I will submit to you any results which seem significant.

I have noted in the 1857 transactions of the American Ant. Society a 25 page note on "The Coinage of Massachusetts" in which some mention of the G.S. shilling is made. I know it is foolish to think you may not have this - but I can photo-copy it if you do not.

I am very soon going to publish a check list of Early American Coins and Tokens by Die Variety and ask your permission to use the Newman Nos. for the Virginia, 1/24 Real and Fugio Cent sections.

Sincerely,


Alfred D. Hoch

December 4, 1961

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

Thank you for commenting on the American Antiquarian Society's "Comments on the Coinage of Massachusetts". This was at the beginning of coin information and you will note that I cited it on page 2 of my Good Samaritan monograph.

As far as your check list is concerned, you certainly can use my numbering systems but I want you to know that the revision for the Virginia pieces will be published shortly by A.N.S.; that a revision of the 1/24th real is ready for publication, and that as soon as you send me your manuscript on the Fugio portion I will correct it to bring it up to date.

How is our Connecticut project getting along?

My New Year resolution is to get the book on the 1804 dollar, which I am writing, out of my hair.

My best to you for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE., ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

December 20, 1961

Mr. A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

Your nice letter of December 14 is at hand.

I am returning herewith, with corrections, the four sections which you forwarded to me. I think you should include all of the Continental Dollars but there is no 3-D in brass.

The Virginia halfpence will be published by the time your list is published.

The 1/24th real additions won't hurt if you put asterisks indicating the new varieties to be published.

With respect to the Connecticut project, don't you dare issue these photographic plates of the Connecticut material. This will ruin the publication. My Foundation will gladly absorb the cost which you state is between \$200 and \$300 which A.N.S. will charge. I will either write A.N. S. and make the donation directly to them or ask them to waive the charge in view of the fact that it will be published in one of their monographs. Do you agree or not under these circumstances?

As far as your missing 1787 pieces are concerned, I have specimens of all of them in my collection except for a Reverse E which Ned Barnsley has. This includes the h(2) the existence of which you question. This is typical example of one die being recut and making a so-called new variety. I think it would be very important in our new definitions to point out which are recut dies.

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE., ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

December 20, 1961

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Mr. A. D. Hoch

If I can give you a little article for your next issue I will be more than pleased.

My very best regards for the Holidays.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC F. NEWMAN

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ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

December 27, 1961

Mr. A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

It was nice for you to telephone me.

One of the primary reasons why I believe any distribution of photographic plates is wrong is that it could be reproduced. You might give the plates to a friend whom you know would not misuse them but a friend of his could borrow them and there would be no control over the situation.

In your letter of December 14, 1961 you said you were missing acceptable shots of certain items but in your phone conversation you indicated otherwise. I think you ought to let me know what you really need, promptly, as I still have Mrs. Norweb's coins and must return them very soon.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb